Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI)

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

Blind Vendors Committee (BVC)

1901 N. DuPont Highway

New Castle, DE 19720

July 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Roll Call:

Wayne Marsh, Blind Vendors Chairperson; Anthony Paolini Blind Vendor; Rob Schmidlkofer, Division for the Visually Impaired; Andy Kloepfer, Division for the Visually Impaired; Mark Ridenour, Division for the Visually Impaired; Elisha Jenkins, Division for the Visually Impaired; Olufunso Ogunsola, Division for the Visually Impaired; Romy Mikhail, Division for the Visually Impaired; Jill Morrison, Division for the Visually Impaired; Sandra Miller, Division for the Visually Impaired; Alice Johnson, Division for the Visually Impaired; Julie Fedele, Division of Research.

Rules of Engagement:

Rob Schmidlkofer reviewed the Rules of Engagement.

Approval of Minutes:

Anthony Paolini made a motion to accept the March 22, 2018, meeting minutes. Wayne Marsh second the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion and recommendation for 9606:

Participants reviewed the current Delaware Code Title 16 Section 9606. The exclusions of Section 9606 include:

- colleges, prisons, DELDOT, State Parks(commission paid to DSU)
- commission paid to Delaware State Police(Troop 6 and Troop 2),
- rent and commission paid to DELDOT

The attendees agreed these exclusions are problematic. To assist with rewriting Delaware Code Title 16 Section 9606, the State Licensing Authority will secure the services of Mr. Terry Smith to spearhead the initiative.

There was also a discussion of the upcoming Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee process of the Division for the Visually Impaired. This process may be an opportunity for the Blind Vendors Committee to discuss modifications to Delaware Code Tile 16 Section 9606 with the legislators.

There was also a discussion on how the program will benefit from targeted outreach. Targeted outreach will benefit the program, expansion of mobile food truck opportunities, and the healthy vending pilot. This is also an opportunity to revisit discussions with building administrators for optimal placement of vending machines.

Public Comment:

There was not any public comment.

Next Meeting:

Division for the Visually Impaired, Biggs Building, 1901 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720, August 30, 2018 10:00-12:00

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.